



Delta Kappa Gamma Chi Chapter Summer 2021 Newsletter

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President's Message

May has been an amazing month. Spring has arrived with some days that have a definite summer feel, restrictions associated with the pandemic are easing, and the academic year is ending.

Equally amazing is what is occurring within Chi Chapter. There is much to celebrate in our chapter, and I did not want to wait until August to bring you the news. Due to that enthusiasm and desire to celebrate, Chi is publishing a Summer newsletter. Many thanks to the Executive Board members who are contributing to this extra edition, and to editor Gisele Siebold, publisher Sue Allen, and distributor Brittany Bertoli for graciously placing one more newsletter in your hands.

The past fourteen months have affected each of us in many ways and on many levels. Some of those effects were widely shared while other effects were more private and closely held. I appreciate what each person did to support the work of Chi and to maintain contact and fellowship with one another. I am proud of what was accomplished despite not being able to meet in person. I am also grateful for all the Sisters who participated in evening Zoom meetings and events after being online with their students for multiple hours. Your dedication is recognized and admirable.

Thank you to Andrea and the Programs Committee for providing excellent programming, especially given the challenges involved with having all meetings by Zoom. Many thanks to Amy Smith and the Projects Committee,

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT.

By Susan Fritz

Sue Allen, Brittany Bertoli and the Social Committee, and Barb Andrews (Book Club) for their leadership and overcoming similar Zoom challenges in providing their activities. I truly enjoyed all of the activities in which I participated and heard others expressed similar comments. Your creativity and resilience are appreciated.

I will be attending Pennsylvania State Convention in June and hope to see many of you there. Unfortunately, I do not believe I will be able to attend either of the International Conferences in person but will explore the possibilities of virtual attendance.

Chapter Presidents are responsible for voting on behalf of their chapters at the Pennsylvania State Organization State Convention. Two of the several votes that will occur at Convention this year are proposed amendments to Pennsylvania State By-Laws or Standing rules. Both of amendments are detailed in the Winter edition of the **Keystonian**. Briefly, the first amendment would take away the option of receiving a hard copy of the Keystonian by U.S. Mail. The other amendment would remove the requirement that the immediate past president chair the Nominations Committee. As presidents are expected to vote on behalf of the Chapter rather than based on their own opinion, please review all the details of these amendments and contact Susan Fritz with your thoughts.

Enjoy the news in this issue. Best wishes for a safe and wonderful summer season that is full of all that brings you restoration and joy. Be well and I look forward to a new year together starting in August and September.

President Susan Fritz

A PERSONAL NOTE FROM SUE FRITZ

I am deeply moved and so grateful for all the expressions of sympathy I received from my Chi Sisters over these past months. Thank you for the beautiful hanging basket and the gift cards that were attached, as well as those I received separately. Cards, text messages and phone calls sustained me during the initial weeks when the usual opportunities to grieve collectively with family and friends were not available. I appreciated offers to assist me with Chi tasks and your forbearance when if I focused my attentions elsewhere. Thank you for your love and support. I am blessed to be part of Chi Chapter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anna Fulton continues to seek items for the online raffle. Please contact Anna to make a donation.

Save the Date for Executive Board Members
Articles for the 2021-2022 Chi newsletters will be due on August 18, 2021; October 18, 2021; January 18, 2022; and February 18, 2022.

DKG International President Becky Sadowski has challenged chapter membership to update their My Profile information on the DKG International website. Any chapter with 100 percent participation will have the opportunity for a Zoom meeting between the Chapter a member of the Administrative Board. Do we accept the challenge?

Have you paid your 2021-2022 dues? They were due by May 31, 2021. Dues are \$80 for active members, \$35 for reserve members, and \$30 for collegiate members. If you haven't already, please send your check, payable to DKG, to Marcia Trach. Her contact information is in the directory.

New location!! The PA State Convention will be at the Hilton Scranton and Conference Center from June 11 to June 13, 2021. Are you attending Convention this year? Please let Susan Fritz know.

The May/June 2021 DKG Newsletter is online at the Delta Kappa Gamma International website. Look for articles on safety precautions and other aspects of the International Conferences in Portland Oregon and San Antonino Texas as well as a listing of the 2021-2022 DKG scholarship recipients who shared \$114,000 in funds.

Resources Available

Chi has hard-bound copies of Volumes I and II of Our Heritage in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, as well as a CD of Heritage III: A History of Reflections and Growth 1970-2008. Any member that is looking for information about the history of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International may contact Susan Fritz to borrow these resources.



UPCOMING DATES

Important Dates and Deadlines from DKG State and International

June 11 - 13, 2021 PA State Convention, Hilton Scranton and Conference Center, Scranton, PA

July 7 - 10, 2021 International Conference, Portland, Oregon

July 21 - 24, 2021 International Conference, San Antonio, Texas

Executive Board Meeting Dates for 2021-2022

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Monday, October 4, 2021

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Thursday, February 10, 2022



Chapter Meeting Dates for 2021-2022

Wednesday, September 15, 2021: 4:30 to 6:00

Tuesday, November 16, 2021: 4:30 to 6:00

Saturday, February 5, 2022: 9:00 to 11:30

Saturday, April 9, 2022: 9:00 to 11:30

AN ENLIGHTENING APRIL PROGRAM

By Andrea Rutledge

Our April program was presented by Gail Goolsby, DKG Sister from Kansas, educator and author of *Unveiled Truth*. She shared her enlightening experiences leading a school in Afghanistan along with providing an encouraging message and honest reflection. Accessing help early was paramount looking back on her time, and Gail also reminded us that all kids are the same across cultures. More about her journey can be read in her book available for purchase on her website, GailGoolsby.com.

UPLIFTING EXCHANGES THROUGH PROJECTS

By Amy Smith

Our Chi sisters have been showing their hearts for others as they reach out into our community. On April 10th, a few Chi sisters went to UNTO again to assist this global outreach organization. We had the opportunity to sort/organize resources and even had the bonus of getting a tour of their facility. What a great time we had there! We look forward to volunteering there in the future.

Since March our Chi sisters have been enjoying the chance to lift one another up through gifts, notes, and sweet surprises through our Secret Sister exchange. Thank you, Chi sisters for being a bright spot in one another's day! Please reveal yourself so your sister knows who has been brightening her days these past months. Below is a list of all who participated in this exchange.

Marianne Nolt
Paula Long
Marj Paradise
Mary Adams
Gisele Rinaldi Siebold
Amy Smith

Sandra Brown
Sue Fritz
Andrea Rutledge
Melissa Ostrowski
Marcia Trach

Another opportunity to serve our partners at Domestic Violence Services (DVS) is here! We will be creating Thinking of You Bags for the children and Cheer Bags for the adults at DVS. In late July, we will send out information that specifies the needs according to who is living at DVS at that time. You will be able to support DVS in three different ways: donate items through an Amazon wish list for the children at DVS, donate items through a Google document for the adults at DVS, and/or give your monetary donation for items to continue our aide for DVS overall. ***Collection of items/resources will begin August 1st and end August 20th.

A School Supply Drive to support UNTO is planned for September. Please keep these items on your radar when shopping summer sales. Any quantity of these items is welcome. Details on collection will be provided at a later time.

Here are the items needed for UNTO:

- Pencils
- Ball Point Pens (blue/black)
- Crayons/24 pack
- 8.5 x 11 spiral bound notebook (minimum 70 pages)
- Eraser (not one that goes on the end of the pencil)
- Sheets of Colorful Stickers
- Toothbrushes (in original packaging)
- Small Pencil Sharpeners
- 12-inch rulers with centimeters



THE FIRST CHI CHAPTER PRESIDENTIAL VISIONARY AWARD RECIPIENT

By Eileen Little

At the meeting on April 17, 2021, Chi Chapter announced that Brittany Bertoli was the first member to receive the Chi Chapter Presidential Visionary Award. The past Chi Chapter presidents had a difficult task reviewing the applications and selecting the winner. We were excited to read about the great projects that Chi members wish to do in their various teaching assignments.

Brittany will use the \$300 to purchase books for her classroom library. Brittany wants her 21 students to be open and kind to all people. The books she has selected will create a more diverse library, one where her students will see themselves in the books they read. Brittany hopes by reading these books her students will understand the struggles, achievements and uniqueness of those around them and learn to treat others in a fair, equal and kind way. She encourages her students to understand that it is okay for all of us to be different because our differences are what make us unique. Also, Brittany hopes that by educating and sharing these books with students, they will go home and talk to their parents about what they are learning in school.

MEET THE NEW SISTERS OF CHI

By Marlene Reynolds

A ceremony was held during our Zoom meeting on April 17 to induct Malia Bertoli and Denise Calhoun into Chi Chapter. Malia Bertoli and Anne Stachura participated in the ceremony. Denise was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment. Anne joined last year but due to COVID-19, the ceremony was postponed.

Malia is a fourth-grade teacher with the Eastern York School District. She is currently the virtual and hybrid teacher. In addition, Malia is also pursuing her master's degree in technology education.

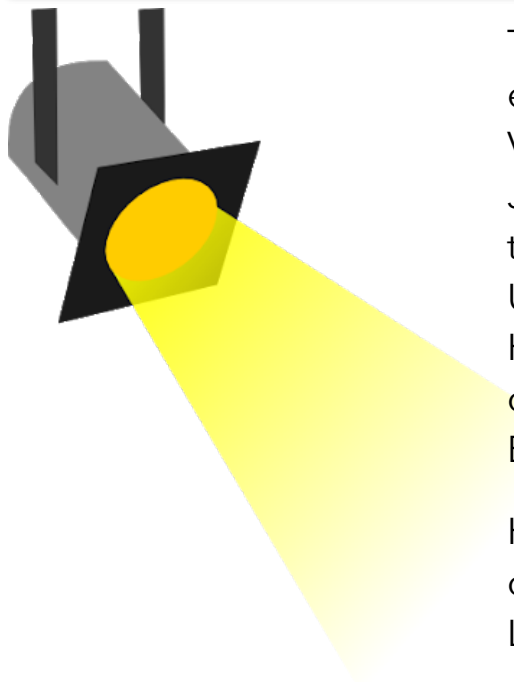
Denise has retired from Lampeter-Strasburg School District where she was a special education teacher and regular education teacher. She was active in presenting relevant topics to her colleagues about meeting student needs at the local and state levels.

Anne is employed as a professor at Franklin & Marshall College. Her position is Coordinator of Community Based Learning and Community Outreach.

Welcome to Chi Chapter, Anne, Malia and Denise!

SISTER SPOTLIGHT

By Andrea Rutledge



This sister was born in Iselin, New Jersey. She earned her BS in social work from Lebanon Valley College, a BS in education from New Jersey City University, and a master's degree in teaching and curriculum from Penn State University. She has taught second grade in the Hempfield School District for most of her career. Currently, she teaches at Rohrerstown Elementary School.

Her husband, Bob, is the Interim Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students at Lebanon Valley College. They have 2 children:

Jake is 20 years old and a junior at Ursinus College; Will is 17 years old and a junior at Conestoga Valley High School. Their family also has a sweet geriatric beagle, Dublin, who is also 17 years old.

This sister enjoys drive-able long weekends away with Bob. She gets restless on longer vacations and would rather pack away the adventure into a three-or-four-day weekend. She also enjoys DIY projects in and around the house.

Did you know that this sister's first job was a server at Pizza Hut when she was 16? She can still rattle off the toppings of a supreme and a super supreme pizza!

Who is it???? **Donna Mikus.**



GRANT-IN-AID RECIPIENT

By Christine Kowalski

Congratulations are in order for our 2021 Grant-in-Aid Recipient, **Julia Scarborough**. Julia received her BS in Business Administration and was a Management Trainee at Fulton Bank. Upon being promoted to Business Process Architect within the Strategic Initiatives Department, she began to feel unsettled and felt a lack of fulfillment. Julia volunteered in the Children's Ministry at Water Street Mission and was a Sunday School teacher at her church; she felt that her heart was happier and more fulfilled as she served children in these capacities.

To complete her dream of being a teacher, Julia enrolled in the Post-Bac Certification Program at Millersville University. She continued to work at Fulton Bank while taking classes until January 2021 when she left the bank to begin student teaching. Julia completed her Pre-K through 4 certification and finished student teaching at Price Elementary School in the School District of Lancaster this semester. She graduated from Millersville University in May 2021 and has been hired as a second-grade teacher at Clermont Elementary School in the Solanco School District. She is eager to begin to use the money to buy books of all kinds to build a diverse classroom library reflective of various cultures. Congratulations, Julia!

This following is an update from Erin Orr, our 2020 recipient, who is an early career educator at Lafayette Elementary, in the School District of Lancaster:

I used the grant money to buy "a kid's book about empathy; a kid's book about racism; I Promise, written by LeBron James; Peanut Goes for the Gold, written by Jonathan Van Ness; lots of Picasso magnetic tiles; shapes puzzle cards, skin color crayons and find-it games. Now I'm buying chapter books. Thanks so much!"



Thank
you

HONORING OUR MEMBERSHIP

By Sue Fritz

One highlight of the April meeting was honoring five-year membership anniversaries. Mrs. Joan Stemen joined Chi Chapter in 1961 and receives a pin denoting 60 years of membership. Congratulations for achieving these milestones of Chi membership.

Five Years

Susan Allen
Deborah Bridgewater
Michele Polintz
Andrea Rutledge

Ten Years

Susan Fritz
Christine Kowalski
Melissa Ostrowski
Brenda Walker
Peggy Woods

Fifteen Years

Barbara Andrews
Wendy Bertoli
Marjorie Paradise

Twenty Years

Arlene Gaudioso
Gisele Siebold

Thirty Years

Elaine Bowman
Rebecca Grube

Sixty Years

Joan Stemen



Chi Chapter extends congratulations to Dr. Ann Berrios for earning her doctorate in Educational Leadership and Management from Drexell University in 2020. Her dissertation was *Social Media Usage and its Relationship to Identity and Self-Esteem among Female Adolescents: A Qualitative Study*.